

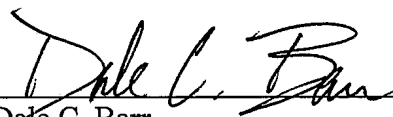
REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed September 21, 2006, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement as follows: Invention I (claims 1-13 and 33-40), and Invention II (claims 27-32). Applicants hereby elect without traverse the claims associated with Invention I (claims 1-13 and 33-40) for prosecution at this time. Claims 27-32 are withdrawn from consideration, without prejudice to the possibility of reinstatement during the prosecution of the subject application, and without prejudice to the filing of subsequent continuation or divisional applications.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1-13 and 33-40 are now in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining matters that may be handled by telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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